

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
NW CAMB.	NWC IIC9

1. Town Cambridge

Address 336 Rindge Avenue

Name Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's
House

Present use residential

Present owner Duguay & Robillard Market
Inc.

3. Description:

Date c1848

Source deed records

Style Greek Revival/Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features worker's cottage of brick
five bays, granite sills and lintels,
corbel gables, original sidelight en-
trance.

Altered NO Date ----

Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:

One acre or less XX Over one acre ----

Approximate frontage 70 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

28 feet

6. Recorded by Arthur Krim

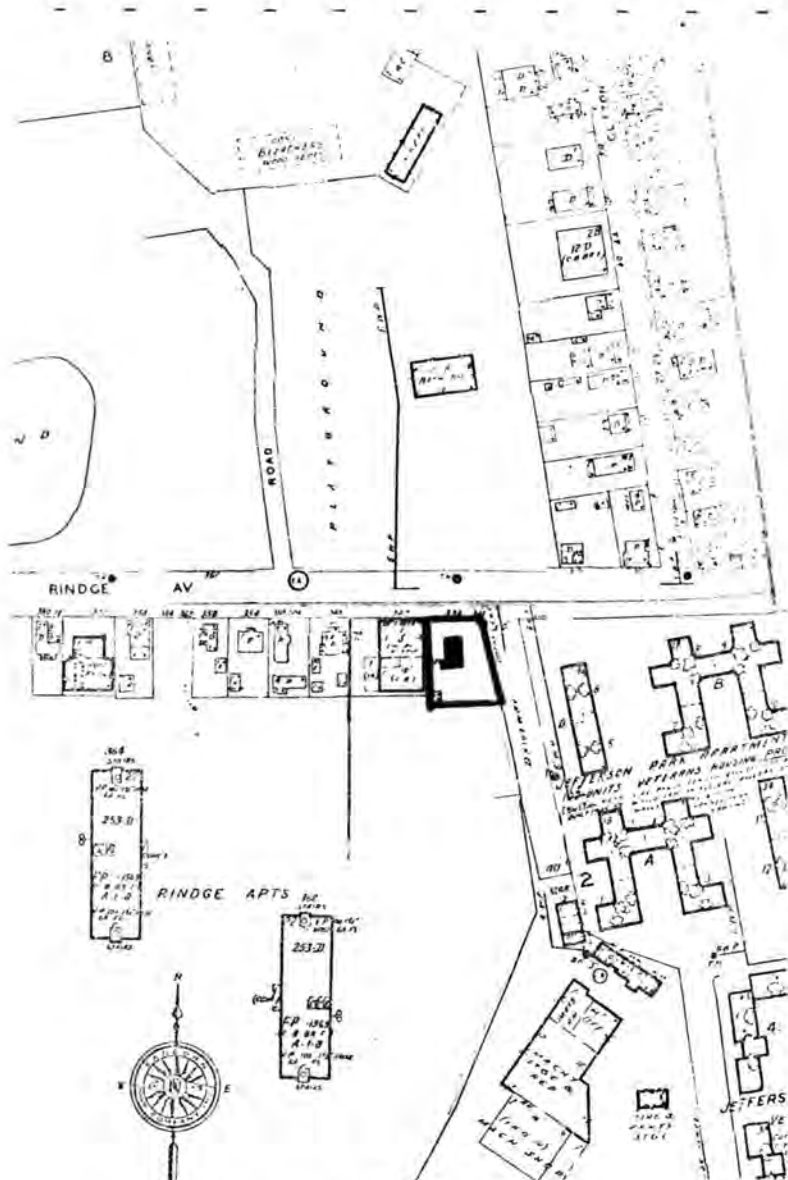
Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1972

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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7. Original owner (if known) Nathaniel J. Wyeth

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u>XX</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u>XX</u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's House is a well-preserved relic of the North Cambridge brick industry. The glacial clay beneath the Great Swamp near Alewife Brook had been used to make bricks since the colonial period, but the need for manufactured brick in the rapidly growing cities of mid-nineteenth century New England prompted industrial development of the claylands. An industrial complex of brickyards, drying kilns and clay pits existed in this part of Northwest Cambridge. The clay was exhausted by the mid-twentieth century, at which time the brickyards were abandoned and the clay pits flooded or filled.

Nathaniel Wyeth, a local entrepreneur, was a key figure in the establishment of the brick industry in Northwest Cambridge. He helped finance the railroad extension in 1840, so that ice could be transported from Fresh Pond to the markets in Charlestown. In the 1840s Wyeth opened his own brickyard and it was for this operation that the superintendent's house at 336 Rindge Avenue was built in 1848.

The Wyeth house is an excellent example of its type. The structure has been excellently preserved and retains its original sidelight entrance, granite window sills and lintels and corbelled brickwork in the gables. Much of the interior is intact. The house has value both as a fine example of its genre and as a symbol of the importance of the brickmaking industry in the history of Cambridge.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

The house was voted eligible for the National Register in 1976.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

151. Day, Anna, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

152. Kingsley, Chester, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

153. Watson, Abraham, House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

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154. Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's
House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

William H. Brachman 4.13.82

Attest

155. Greek Revival Cottage

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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156. ✓ St. James Episcopal Church

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

Thomas Lee Dwyer 6.30.83

Attest

157. Kidder-Sargent-McCrehan House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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158. Henderson Carriage Repository

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159. Soule, Lawrence, House

Substantive Review

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160. Wyeth-Smith House

Substantive Review

✓ Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Wyeth Brickyard Superintendent's House (Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA - Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4-17-82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/13/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

photos 1
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

locally significant for architecture and for association with once important Cambridge brick making industry.

Recom. / Criteria Accept - A, C
Reviewer Patricia Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 3/23/82
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		☐ date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Cambridge MA, MA

Wyeth Brickyard Superintendant's House

336 Rindge Ave.

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000275